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Applicants: Thomas McWAID et al.  
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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS  
FOR ALLOWANCE ACCOMPANYING ISSUE FEE PAYMENT**

Sir:

The undersigned hereby submits these Comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (originally generated by the document accompanying the initial Notice of Allowance, dated November 4, 2004), and accompanying the issue fee payment due in this matter on July 11, 2005:

The undersigned disagrees with the Examiner regarding the following:

Claims 84, 85 contain the features of (1) an apparatus comprising a probe and at least a first and a second tip; and (2) the second tip comprises a nanotube, instead of the features recited in the examiner's statement.

Dated: July 11, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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